# INTRODUCTION TO FRANCOPHONE SUB SAHARAN AFRICAN CULTURAL PRODUCTIONS



Invited Faculty: Prof. Sada Niang, University of Victoria BC, Canada

A course proposed under the MHRD GIAN programme to be offered by the Centre for French and Francophone Studies, School of Language, Literature and Culture Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi 110067

#### **OVERVIEW:**

Introduction to Francophone Sub-Cultural productions will Saharan familiarize students with the vibrant innovations stylistic and diversity, political positioning of major cultural productions of Francophone Sub-Saharan Africa.

It will feature contemporary literature and cinema of the region to show participants that political and historical contexts in francophone Africa intimately frame the substance and modes of meaning of literary works and cinematic creations.

Apart from understanding the historical and cultural background supporting the creativity of the region's major artists and writers, the course will also improve students' capacity for critiquing films and literary texts of francophone Sub-Saharan Africa.

Organized in three modules over a period of two weeks, the course will have lectures in English, collective viewing of films on issues dealt with in the novels of the corpus, and tutorials in French and English as per the students' medium of instruction.

Dates: 4<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

# **Modules:**

### Module 1:

Nationalism, its genesis and challenges in Francophone
African Cultural Production

# Module 2:

Post-colonial conflicts and Francophone African literature/cinema

#### Module 3:

Francophone African
Women Writers and
filmmakers: (Re)Defining the
female condition



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#### Who can attend:

The course will be open to all MA students (having specializations including but not limited to French/Francophone Studies, Literature, Culture Studies, Cinema, Area Studies) desirous of expanding their knowledge of Sub-Africa's Saharan cultural production. A few seats may be offered to M.Phil/PhD scholars working in this area of study.

DATES: 4<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May, 2016

No. of participants: Limited to 50

# **Registration and Fees:**

Prior registration is mandatory for ALL students as per the procedure provided on the GIAN web portal.

Fees for JNU MA students: the course will be offered free of cost.

Fees for JNU M.Phil/Ph.D students: Rs.1000/-.

Fees for students from other recognized institutions: Rs. 1000/-

Fees for Government sponsored research institutions and Civil Society Bodies: Rs. 5000/-

#### **FACULTY**

**Professor Sada Niang** is a member of the Department of French at the University of Victoria (British Columbia, Canada). He specializes in French and Francophone literatures, African and Caribbean cinemas and French linguistics. He is a former Chair of this department and has published extensively (in French and English) in the areas mentioned above. He is author/editor of: *Djibril Diop Mambety: un cinéaste à contre-courant*, Paris: L'Harmattan, 2001 and *Nationalist African Cinema: Legacy and Transformations*, Lexington Books, 2014



# **Course Coordinators**

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